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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicant responds to the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2003 in the above captioned matter.

Relative to paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Applicants elect generic claims 14-28 and the species A (claim 29).

Relative to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Applicants elect generic claims 1-10, 12 and 13 and the claims of species A (claims 11, 50 and 53).

Relative to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Applicants elect generic claims 34-42, 46-49, 52, 56 and 57 and the claim of species A (claim 43).

The foregoing elections are being made with traverse.

Preliminary, the Applicants note that a telephone interview/discussion was conducted with the Applicants' undersigned representative on January 9, 2004 wherein the Examiner assisted the Applicants' representative in understanding the Election Requirement. The Examiner instructed the Applicants to select all three groups but in each group select only one species and leave the other claims out. As a result, the only claims left out of the application are claims 30, 31, 32 and 33 which are part of the claims mentioned in the first paragraph of the Office Action, claims 44 and 45, which are non-elected claims related to the third paragraph of the Office Action and claims 51, 54 and 55, which represent non-elected claims of the second paragraph of the Office Action.

But respectfully, the logic of the Restriction Requirement is not clearly understandable. For example, claim 30 represent one elected species concerning "user-specified time of cancellation or renewal". The same type of limitation also appears in claim 5 which is indicated to be generic. Generally, the various species are interrelated and closely match alternatives for performing similar steps.

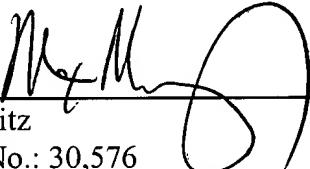
Therefore, all of the claims in the application should be examined as a single group and the restriction requirement should be rescinded.

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